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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composition comprising:

- (a) from about 1.0 to about 15.0% by weight of an anionic surfactant ;
- (b) from about 3 to about 50% by weight of a C₁₋₄ alkyl ester of a C₆₋₂₂ saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid primary solvent;
- (c) from about 1.0 to about 15.0% by weight of a short-chain cosurfactant;
- (d) from about 1 to about 25% by weight of a polar solvent having a water solubility of from about 1 to about 5 g/100 ml;
- (e) up to about 10.0% by weight of a nonionic surfactant ;
- (f) from about 0.05 to about 3.0% by weight of a thickening agent selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, and mixtures thereof; and
- (f) remainder, water, and optionally auxiliaries all weights being based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 2 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition is terpene-free.

Claim 3 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 7.0 to about 10.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein the anionic surfactant [[is]] comprises an isopropylamine salt of a linear alkylbenzene sulfonate sulfonic acid.

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Claim 5 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein the primary solvent comprises a C₈₋₁₄ methyl ester present in the composition in an amount of from about 18.0 to about 22.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein the primary solvent comprises a C₁₂₋₁₄ methyl ester.

Claim 7 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein short chain co-surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 7.0 to about 10.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein the short-chain co-surfactant is propylene glycol n-butyl ether.

Claim 9 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 2.0 to about 4.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant comprises an alkoxylate C₁₂₋₁₄ fatty alcohol alkoxylated with 3 moles of ethylene oxide and 6 moles of propylene oxide.

Claim 11 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the thickening agent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 0.50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

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Claim 12 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein the thickening agent [[is]] comprises hydroxypropyl cellulose.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein the polar solvent [[is]] comprises a member selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, n-hexanol, a glycol phenyl ether, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 14 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the polar solvent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 6 to about 10% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A process for cleaning a hard surface comprising contacting the surface with a composition containing:

- (a) from about 1.0 to about 15.0% by weight of an anionic surfactant ;
- (b) from about 3 to about 50% by weight of a C₁₋₄ alkyl ester of a C₈₋₂₂ saturated or unsaturated carboxylic acid primary solvent;
- (c) from about 1.0 to about 15.0% by weight of a short-chain cosurfactant;
- (d) from about 1 to about 25% by weight of a polar solvent having a water solubility of from about 1 to about 5 g/100 ml;
- (e) up to about 10.0% by weight of a nonionic surfactant ;
- (f) from about 0.05 to about 3.0% by weight of a thickening agent selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, and mixtures thereof; and
- (f) remainder, water, and auxiliaries all weights being based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 16 (original): The process of claim 15 wherein the composition is terpene-free.

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Claim 17 (original): The process of claim 15 wherein the anionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 7.0 to about 10.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The process of claim 15 wherein the anionic surfactant [[is]] comprises an isopropylamine salt of a linear alkylbenzene sulfonate sulfonic acid.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The process of claim 15 wherein the primary solvent [[is]] comprises a C₆₋₁₄ methyl ester present in the composition in an amount of from about 18.0 to about 22.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The process of claim 15 wherein the primary solvent [[is]] comprises a C₁₂₋₁₄ methyl ester.

Claim 21 (original): The process of claim 15 wherein short chain co-surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 7.0 to about 10.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The process of claim 15 wherein the short-chain co-surfactant [[is]] propylene glycol n-butyl ether.

Claim 23 (original): The process of claim 15 wherein the nonionic surfactant is present in the composition in an amount of from about 2.0 to about 4.0% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

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Claim 24 (currently amended): The process of claim 15 wherein the nonionic surfactant [[is]] comprises an alkoxylate C₁₂₋₁₄ fatty alcohol alkoxylated with 3 moles of ethylene oxide and 6 moles of propylene oxide.

Claim 25 (original): The process of claim 15 wherein the thickening agent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.25 to about 0.50% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The process of claim 15 wherein the thickening agent [[is]] comprises hydroxypropyl cellulose.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The process of claim 15 wherein the polar solvent [[is]] comprises a member selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, n-hexanol, a glycol phenyl ether, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 28 (original): The process of claim 15 wherein the polar solvent is present in the composition in an amount of from about 6 to about 10% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.